

**Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee
Preliminary Agenda**

Location: Capital Hilton, 1001-16th Street NW, Washington, D.C.

Date: February 7-8, 2008

February 7, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. **Administrative Matters and Overview of Advisory Committee's Roles and Responsibilities**
Andrew Hatch, Marketing Specialist, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Designated Federal Official)
- 8:30 a.m. Comments from Observers
- 9:00 a.m. **Executive Secretary Matters and Election of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**
Robert Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Executive Secretary)
- 9:15 a.m. **Department Greeting and *Certificates of Appointment***
Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner with Agricultural Marketing Service Associate
Administrator Kenneth Clayton
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Fruit and Vegetable Purchasing Initiatives**
David Tuckwiller, Chief, Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable
Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- 11:15 a.m. **Farm Bill Update**
William Allen, Deputy Director, Legislative and Regulatory Review Staff,
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. **Country of Origin Labeling**
Bruce Summers, Chief, Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA)
Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- 2:00 p.m. **Food Protection Plan**
Nega Beru, Ph.D., Director, Division of Plant Product Safety, Center for Food
Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. **Overview of USDA Food Safety Related Initiatives and Review of Comments
on Leafy Green Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**
Robert Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Executive Secretary)
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the Day

February 8, 2008

- 8:15 a.m. **Review of Previous Day's Discussions**
- 8:30 a.m. **Food Safety Options**
Robert Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, USDA
Agricultural Marketing Service (Committee Executive Secretary)
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. **State of the Agriculture Transportation Industry**
Bruce Blanton, Associate Deputy Administrator, Transportation and Marketing
Programs, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
- 11:00 a.m. Formation of Working Groups; Finalization of Committee Recommendations;
Date of Next Meeting in 2008; other Administrative Matters
- 12:00 noon Adjourn